

**§ 401.503 Access to information.**

(a) *PAE responsibilities.* The PAE must provide to parties entitled to notice under § 401.501 access to information obtained by the PAE about the project and its management if the PAE determines that such information is reasonably likely to contribute to effective participation by those parties in the restructuring process, or if HUD requires the PAE to provide access to the information. The PAE is not required to make public any information received from the owner or manager that the PAE reasonably characterizes as confidential or proprietary information that would not ordinarily be made public, except:

(1) Owner evaluation of physical condition (OEPC), or a comprehensive needs assessment (CA) if used instead of an OEPC, as required by § 401.450;

(2) Owner-prepared 1-year project rent analysis; and

(3) As directed by HUD.

(b) *Information on expenses and profit/loss.* Before disclosing any information, the PAE must remove any information obtained by the PAE directly from the owner or project manager that is related to project expenses, property valuation, or profit and loss, unless the owner gives written consent to disclosure with that information.

**Subpart D—Implementation of the Restructuring Plan After Closing****§ 401.550 Monitoring and compliance agreements.**

(a) *Compliance agreements.* The PAE must ensure long-term compliance by the owner with MAHRA, this part, and the Restructuring Plan. As part of this responsibility, the PAE must require each owner with an approved Restructuring Plan to execute and record a Use Agreement that satisfies the requirements of § 401.408. All provisions of this subpart apply as long as the Use Agreement is in effect.

(b) *Periodic monitoring and inspection.* At least once a year, a PAE must review the status of each project for which it developed an approved Restructuring Plan. Monitoring must include on-site inspections. HUD will accept an inspection by a PAE that com-

plies with subpart G of part 5 of this title in lieu of an inspection required by any other party under that subpart.

(c) *HUD acting instead of PAE.* HUD will perform, or contract with other parties to perform, the PAE's functions under this section if:

(1) The project is subject to a PRA with a PAE that is not qualified to be a section 8 contract administrator; or

(2) The project is not currently subject to a PRA.

(d) *Regulatory agreement.* As long as the Secretary is the holder of a second mortgage or an additional mortgage under § 401.461, HUD will regulate the operations of the mortgagor through a regulatory agreement providing terms, conditions, and standards established by HUD, which may be in addition to any regulatory agreement otherwise required in connection with mortgage insurance programs. The regulatory agreement must contain remedies for breach, including monetary damages in the event of non-compliance.

**§ 401.552 Servicing of second mortgage.**

HUD or its designee will be responsible for servicing the second mortgage, including determining the amounts receivable by the owner under § 401.461(b)(3)(ii)(A). HUD may designate the PAE, with the PAE's consent, as servicer for the second mortgage.

**§ 401.554 Contract renewal and administration.**

HUD will offer to renew or extend section 8 contracts as provided in each Restructuring Plan, subject to the availability of appropriations and subject to the renewal authority available at the time of each contract expiration (§ 402.5 of this chapter or another appropriate renewal authority). The offer will be made by HUD directly or through a PAE that has contracted with HUD to be a contract administrator for such contracts. HUD will offer to any PAE that is qualified to be the section 8 contract administrator the opportunity to serve as the section 8 contract administrator for a project restructured under a Restructuring Plan developed by the PAE under the Mark-to-Market Program. Qualifications will be determined under both

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statutory requirements and requirements issued by the appropriate office within HUD, depending on the type of section 8 assistance that is provided.

### § 401.556 Leasing units to voucher holders.

A Restructuring Plan must prohibit any refusal of the owner to lease a unit solely because of the status of the prospective tenant as a section 8 voucher holder.

### § 401.558 Physical condition standards.

The Restructuring Plan must require the owner to maintain the project, in a decent and safe condition that meets the applicable standards under this section. As long as project-based assistance is provided, the applicable standards are the physical conditions standards for HUD housing in § 5.703 of this title. At any other time, the applicable standards are the local housing codes or codes adopted by the public housing agency if such codes meet or exceed the standards in § 5.703 of this title and do not severely restrict housing choice or, if there are no such local housing codes or codes adopted by the public housing agency, the standards in § 5.703 of this title will apply. In addition, any unit in which the tenant receives tenant-based assistance must comply with the housing quality standards of the section 8 tenant-based programs.

### § 401.560 Property management standards.

(a) *General.* Each PAE is required by section 518 of MAHRA to establish management standards consistent with industry standards and HUD guidelines. The management standards must be included or referenced in the Restructuring Plan.

(b) *HUD guidelines.* At a minimum, the PAE's management standards must require the project management to:

- (1) Protect the physical integrity of the property over the long term through preventative maintenance, repair, or replacement;
- (2) Ensure that the building and grounds are routinely cleaned;
- (3) Maintain good relations with the tenants;
- (4) Protect the financial integrity of the project by operating the property

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with competitive and reasonable costs and maintaining appropriate property and liability insurance at all times;

(5) Take all necessary measures to ensure the tenants' physical safety; and

(6) Comply with other provisions that are required by HUD, including termination of the management agent for cause.

(c) *Conflicts of interest.* The PAE management standards must also conform to any guidelines established by HUD, and industry standards, governing conflicts of interest between owners, managers, and contractors.

## Subpart E—Section 8 Requirements for Restructured Projects

### § 401.595 Contract and regulatory provisions.

The provisions of chapter VIII of this title will apply to a renewal of section 8 project-based assistance contract under this part only to the extent, if any, provided in the contract. Part 983 of this title will not apply. The term of the initial and subsequent contract renewals under this part will be determined by the appropriate HUD official.

### § 401.600 Will a section 8 contract be extended if it would expire while an owner's request for a Restructuring Plan is pending?

If a section 8 contract for an eligible project would expire before a Restructuring Plan is implemented, the contract may be extended at rents not exceeding current rents for up to the earlier of 1 year or closing on the Restructuring Plan under § 401.407. HUD may terminate the contract earlier if the PAE or HUD determines that an owner is not cooperative under § 401.402 or if an owner's request is rejected under § 401.403 or § 401.405. Any extension of the contract beyond 1 year for a pending Plan must be at comparable market rents or exception rents. An extension at comparable market rents or exception rents under this section will not affect a project's eligibility for the Mark-to-Market Program once it has been initially established under this part.